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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "[Look up a healthcare provider license](#)" in the "How Do I?" section of the [Department of Health website](#) (doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Benton County

In June 2012 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Tamira J. Junt** (RN00174176) with unprofessional conduct. Junt allegedly set up a PCA pain pump improperly and the patient wasn't getting any pain medication following knee surgery. She also allegedly provided substandard care to a diabetic patient.

Clark County

In June 2012 the Nursing Commission ended the probation order against registered nurse **Phyllis L. Cimino** (RN00167649).

In June 2012 the Medical Commission charged physician **Susan Z. Hughes** (MD00031541) with unprofessional conduct. Hughes allegedly provided substandard care to a patient placing him at unreasonable risk of harm.

In June 2012 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the credential of chemical dependency professional trainee **Kimberlee Kae Tuttle** (CO60282196). Tuttle must comply with terms and conditions set against her credential.

Grays Harbor County

In June 2012 the Medical Commission charged **Barbara L. Givens** (MD00031955) with unprofessional conduct. Givens allegedly provided substandard care while treating a patient including failing to order necessary tests and treatment for the patient.

In June 2012 the Nursing Commission ended the probation order against licensed practical nurse **Cheryl Ann Hackney** (LP00040766).

In June 2012 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program ended the probation order against chemical dependency professional trainee **Miguel Angel Mejia Mendoza** (CO60136237).

King County

In June 2012 the Chiropractic Commission ended the probation order against chiropractor **William D. Borg** (CH00002484).

In June 2012 the Nursing Commission entered into an agreed order with licensed practical nurse **Wendy Frauenberg**, also known as Wendy Arneson (LP00045192). Frauenberg's license is reinstated but subject to probation. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In July 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program entered into an agreed order with registered nursing assistant **Mekdes Haile** (NA00170503). Haile must take continuing education classes focusing on errors and mistakes, preventing falls, and caring for the elderly. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her credential.

In June 2012 the Pharmacy Board entered into an agreed order with pharmacy technician **Boris I. Povzner** (VA00057414) and **Pharmacy Plus, Inc.** (CF00057310) and placed Povzner's credential on probation for at least three years. He must comply with terms and conditions set against both credentials.

In June 2012 the Pharmacy Board entered into an agreed order with pharmacy technician **Eugene B. Povzner** (VA00050624) and placed his credential on probation for at least three years. Povzner must comply with terms and conditions set against his credential.

In June 2012 the Medical Commission amended, for a second time, charges against physician **Jonathan V. Wright** (MD00011394). Wright allegedly failed to submit patient records as requested by the commission, and allowed an unlicensed individual to regularly use his office to treat patients.

Kitsap County

In June 2012 the Medical Commission modified an order against physician assistant **Jesse T. Fenger** (PA10005297). The requirement to use a chaperone when treating female patients

doesn't apply when Fenger treats adult female patients in Kindred Hospital's Northgate Subacute Unit, Mission Healthcare's Bellevue skilled nursing and long-term care, or Patriots Glen Bellevue assisted living.

In June 2012 the Medical Commission charged physician **Susan J. Shlifer** (MD00035541) with unprofessional conduct. Shlifer allegedly provided substandard care to seven patients, including not properly examining and diagnosing patients, and failing to provide adequate treatment, and prescribe appropriate medications.

In June 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program released registered nursing assistant **Misty Angel Zuniga** (NA60190610) from terms and conditions set against her credential.

Lincoln County

In July 2012 the Pharmacy Board charged pharmacist **Ted J. Bruya** (PH00014225) with unprofessional conduct. Bruya allegedly failed to provide immediate supervision for staff working for him.

Pacific County

In June 2012 the Medical Commission charged physician **Jessop McDonnell** (MD00024539) with unprofessional conduct. McDonnell, a board-certified orthopedic surgeon, allegedly provided substandard care when treating 11 patients including a lack of understanding of basic surgical principles, management of post-surgical complications, improperly prescribing antibiotics, controlled substances, and other medications.

Pierce County

In June 2012 the Nursing Commission released registered nurse **Alexis R. Johnson** (RN60018076) from terms and conditions set against her license.

In July 2012 the Licensed Mental Health Counselor Program ended the probation order against independent clinical social worker **Michael K. Strub** (LW00004263).

In June 2012 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical and registered nurse **Christian F. Taylor** (LP00037121, RN00114631) with unprofessional conduct for failing to comply with a previous order. He also was convicted of second-degree identity theft in 2011 and second-degree burglary in 2009.

Snohomish County

In June 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the credential of certified nursing assistant **Christa Jeneen Ogle** (NC60237003) and placed it on probation until at least November 2013. Ogle must comply with terms and conditions set against her credential.

Spokane County

In June 2012 the Nursing Commission ended the probation order against registered nurse **Andreas Fischer** (RN60093799).

Thurston County

In June 2012 the Veterinary Board charged veterinary medication clerk and veterinary technician **Elan L. Watson** (VM00001906, AT60014159) with unprofessional conduct for failing to comply with a previous stipulation.

Walla Walla County

In June 2012 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program withdrew April 2012 charges against certified counselor and chemical dependency professional trainee **Christine V. Howell** (CL60160651, CO60152618).

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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